

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Richard and Debbie Bonham**



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APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER**



**Happy Easter!**

**Couple of the Year – Bob and Hope Carneal  
Your Next Gathering will be APRIL 27, 2011**

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**2011**

**VA-D**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5 Larry and Marie Anniv Bill and Winnie McGill Anniv	6	7	8	9 National POW Recognition Day 
10	11 John Taylor B'Day	12	13	14 Winnie McGill B'Day	15 Income Tax Day	16
17	18	19 Passover	20	21	22 Good Friday 	23
24 JoAnn Burton B'Day  Easter Sunday 	25 Roy Worrell B'Day	26	27 Secretary Day 	28 BelleMiller B'Day 	29 Arbor Day 	30 Nancy Worrell B'Day

**FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Chapter Poker Run April 30<sup>th</sup> at River City Diner 9-2 PM**

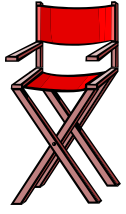
**May 12-15 Lancaster Ride – Contact Tommy Broughton for details**

**May is Motorcycle Awareness Month**

**Monthly Gatherings Candela's Italian Restaurant – Eat at 6 Meeting starts at 7PM**

**Rte 288 to Midlo/Powhatan Exit – Then right towards Midlothian 1 miles on Right**

## Rich and Debbie Bonham, Chapter D Directors News



Happy Easter!  
Greetings,

We are already well in to the month of April. Spring time is upon us. The weather is warming, the flowers and trees are beginning to come to life and the activities and opportunities for us to enjoy our favorite hobby are available every week. There is no excuse. Get out and ride!

I am very excited about the direction our group is heading in Virginia and with each Chapter. I know within our own Chapter D the past two gatherings have been a full house with the number of visitors being equal to the number of members attending. The participation from our surrounding Chapters has been outstanding and we really appreciate all of our visitors coming out to our gatherings. We fully realize the demands that are on everybody's time. With work, family and other obligations always pulling at us, it can be difficult to have any extra time on your schedule. Yet it seems at every gathering, people find the time to come and join us. Debbie and I want to give a special thank you to all that have visited with us in the past few months and we look forward to seeing you again this month and for many more to come. You are very important to us.

As we travel to other Chapters and join them in their gatherings, it is obvious that the visitation is going on all over the state. Chapters are going to other Chapters. This is truly a great thing that is going on as the Virginia District is getting stronger with everybody's participation. Our Virginia State Leadership should be congratulated on a job well done. From Chapter D, we say THANK YOU!

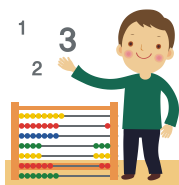
Chapter D has our annual event on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> with our poker run. The Chapter D staff has been working hard and has come up with a great event. The route is a very scenic route that will guide you through Chesterfield and Powhatan counties. We have some great door prizes for all to have the chance to win. I think every person in attendance will see at least one door prize that they will want to win. We have come up with some fun games to play and of course there will be 50/50. Also, River City Diner will offer discount breakfast and lunch meals for everybody that is in attendance. You will not go hungry with their menu, I promise. Be sure to ask about the discount coupon. And finally you will have the opportunity to see your friends from all over Virginia that will be in attendance. It will be a fun day so please join us. You will find additional information in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing everybody on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Debbie and I thank you for all for your support. Our first year as Chapter Directors is now in the books and as we begin our second year, we look for many more great things to come. None of it is possible without the support and friendship from you all.

Ride safe and let's ride!



Rich & Debbie Bonham Chapter D Directors



## **Membership Number**

Look for your Membership # in this Newsletter. If you find it and bring your current membership card to the next dinner meeting, you will win ten 50/50 tickets for the drawing at the close of the next monthly meeting. Look for your number in this newsletter. It might be very profitable for you. A member recently won the 50/50 jackpot with his membership # tickets. It might happen to you!

## **District News by Mike Mitchell**

### **Wing Ding News**

As part of my other job in GWRRA, I was recently in Knoxville for a scouting and planning trip in preparation of Wing Ding. During part of this trip our Team visited the sites and routes for the Destination Rides that are offered this year. The write ups are located at gwrra.org under Wing Ding registrations. After visiting with the organizers of the destinations, I can say that they are going all out for us. The Best Dam Ride will be manned by a local motorcycle organization that will provide information and bottled water at each of the stops. They have the local Ruitan Club preparing an all you can eat fish fry at the Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Center complete with a live band.

They have a ride to the Wheels through Time Museum in Maggie Valley that so many of us are familiar with. They have a ride to the Secret City at Oak Ridge that was instrumental in the making of the atom bomb during WWII. There is another to the Museum of Appalachia, which is one of the most interesting places around. Another is to the Cherohala Skyway, which is a wonderful ride. As I said, everyone is going all out for us. Take a little time while in Knoxville and enjoy some of the best riding in the world. Another addition to Wing Ding is the demo rides. They have invited several other brands to join us to offer demo rides. These will take place from Chilhowie Park where several of the activities will be based.

It is shaping up to be one of the biggest and best Wing Dings in history so come on down and join us for a great time, with some great folks in the middle of the greatest riding ever.....

Mike and Angie Mitchell VA District Directors



## Marie Crow, Historian and Events Coordinator reports the Gossip, Rumors, Hearsay, along with Special Events



### **DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS HEARTS ARE WELCOME**

We are always collecting the individual soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and lotions, etc. that you get from the hotels when traveling. Make sure you collect them for us and we will make sure that they get delivered to the YWCA Battered Women's Shelters. Bring them to our meetings or give them to a Chapter D member when you see them.

Thanks for all your help during the year.



**2011 CALENDARS FOR LUCY CORR.** If you still can get calendars or have some to donate, we're still collecting them for Lucy Corr.

They give every resident a new calendar each year and also provide one to new residents when they move into the complex. Bring them to the Chapter D meetings or call a staff member.

Lucy Corr Bingo Nite was March 18<sup>th</sup>. The residents really enjoyed having the Chapter D folks there to play with them. There were plenty of prizes and fun for everyone.



**CHAPTER D POKER RUN IS SATURDAY, APRIL 30 AT RIVER CITY DINER ON HUGUENOT ROAD.**

Check out the flier in this newsletter for all the details. Invite all your motorcycling friends to come. A great ride is planned and I have ordered perfect weather for that day! LOL

## **VA GWRRA HARVEST FESTIVAL BASKET RAFFLE**



### **TO ALL CHAPTERS:**

Enter a basket at Rally in the Valley to be raffled off and whatever amount your chapter basket makes in the raffle, the District will reimburse you 50% of what your basket makes. For example, if your basket makes \$250.00, we will reimburse the chapter \$125.00. In many cases, the Chapter has the ability to make more than the value of the basket, especially if you get the items for your basket donated. Tickets for the basket will be purchased for \$1.00 a ticket.

Theme baskets are great, and we offer the following as ideas:

Harvest Basket, VA Tech Basket, Washington Redskins Basket, Dallas Cowboy Basket, Gold Wing Items Basket, Kitchen Items Basket, Items from VA Basket, Fall Food Basket, etc.

This is totally voluntary, so talk it over amongst yourselves in the Chapter and let Mike and Angie know by July 30, 2011 if your chapter would like to be included in this raffle. All baskets should be delivered to the Civic Center if at all possible on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The baskets will be put away in the evening for safekeeping.

**Billy Russell, Chapter Educator**



A treat this month! Our District Educator chose this from a sister chapter and it makes pretty good reading!

Keep the rubber side down

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**Guidelines for Safe Riding**  
**Information from CA2W Newsletter Article**  
**By CE Jerry Gregg**

**Dress for safety:**

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

**Be visible:**

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Use reflective strips on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

**Know how to handle your bike:**

- Get formal training and take refresher courses. (Be a lifelong learner!)
- Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.
- PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

**Apply effective mental strategies:**

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Don't ride when you are tired.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

Remember: Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed. **Until next time: Ride Safe and Often**



## 2011 February COY News

April is here, let more riding begin!

We are heading to VA-W's meeting (on the 12<sup>th</sup>) and to Spring Thaw in Newport News (on the 16<sup>th</sup>).

We are looking forward to riding and seeing all our GWRRA family.

We are looking forward to our Chapter D Poker Run event on the 30<sup>th</sup>, come join us! See you at the River City Diner on Huguenot Road.

News alert, Wingless bars are here! They must have come on the slow boat from China. Bob & Hope



If you have something motorcycle related to sell trade or give away, please contact our newsletter editor for information. The email address is [graneth1@verizon.net](mailto:graneth1@verizon.net) or Rich at [richardbb@comcast.net](mailto:richardbb@comcast.net) Please remember to let Ethel or Rich know when you would like to have the ad removed, especially if the item has been sold. Thank you.

## FOR SALE

- Receiver hitch cooler/luggage rack, 10" x 15 1/4". Has a burgundy cooler cover and has a 1 1/4" horizontal receiver hitch. \$30.
- One piece rain suit, size large, free to anyone who wants it. **Larry Crow 674-1265**

Submission of pictures and articles is requested and encouraged. As a Chapter member, this is YOUR newsletter; articles may be submitted on a wide range of topics related to motorcycling and Chapter activities. All articles submitted to this newsletter will be edited at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor and Chapter Director based on available space. E-mail submissions to the newsletter editor at [graneth1@verizon.net](mailto:graneth1@verizon.net) must be received no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be entered in the current edition. Thanks for your support and articles.

**Chapter "D" is on the move!** Come ride with us! All bikes welcome! The Tuesday rides are now active all year long as the weather permits. Contact Tommy, Rich or Ted for information or to be put on the email list. Tell us what you would change, keep the same, or send us your ideas for rides, etc. For more information, or to be added to our phone tree, please contact one of our Chapter Staff. We hope to see you out there.....Ride Safely. [Evn00@verizon.net](mailto:Evn00@verizon.net) (Ted's email) Ride Pot was won by Bill McGill at the March meeting. Congratulations Bill!



## The Cook's Corner by Debbie Bonham

### Mexican Lasagna

(Makes Two 9x13 Pans)

- 3 lbs ground beef or turkey
- 3 packages Taco Seasonings and water
- 1 large can refried beans
- 2 cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 5 cups salsa
- Corn Tortillas
- 9 cups shredded Mexican cheese

Prepare the turkey or beef according to the directions on the Taco Seasoning package. Mix in refried beans, black beans, and salsa. Spoon 1 ½ cups of meat mixture in the bottom of a greased 9x13 casserole. Layer with tortilla shells, and 1 ½ cups of the cheese. Repeat layers. Top with Tortillas and meat mixture. Cover and bake at 375° for 45-50 minutes or until bubbling around the edges. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered until cheese melts. Let stand for 10-15 minutes before serving. Garnish with your favorite toppings. (You can cut this recipe in half to fix one 9-13 pan).



**Our well wishes for those ill, injured or hospitalized. Let's please keep these fine folks in our hearts and prayers. If you hear about someone being ill, please pass this info on to Ethel or Rich so we can note this in the newsletter.**

- Junie Miller's granddaughter (age 15) was in Orange County California Children's Hospital and has been diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. She is undergoing treatments and now Zoe is at home but has to make regular trips back to Children's Hospital in LA. We'll continue to keep Zoe in our thoughts and prayers that she has a complete recovery.
- Belle's sister Linda (who resides with them) is having some health problems. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and Belle and Junie. Hope you are feeling better soon Linda.
- Belle underwent colon surgery at Chippenham Hospital on April 1st. After a bout with an infection and a second surgery, she is now home and slowly recovering. We wish her a quick and complete recovery. Our prayers are with you our friend.
- Great News! Tommy Broughton participated in the Ukrops 10K again this year. His time was 87.08 minutes. He finished 136th out of 266 men 65-69 years old and 23,649 out of 41,200 total registered. Congrats Tommy



## Phoenix News Summary

WING DING 33 KNOXVILLE, TN

July 6, 2011 through July 9, 2011 <http://www.wing-ding.org>

**Register and make your room reservations now! We're staying at the Extended Stay on Winston Road in Knoxville (approx 7 miles from the center) so if you want to stay with our group, contact them now for rooms. They will be booked up soon.**

### APRIL news in history

- Martin Luther King died in April 1968
- April Fool's Day April 1
- Paul Revere's Famous Midnight Ride – April 19, 1775
- Diamond is April's Birthstone
- April – Lincoln Assassination
- Titanic Sunk in April The *Titanic* struck and iceberg and sank, April 1912
- San Francisco Earthquake – April
- Columbine Tragedy – April
- Chernobyl – April
- Rwanda Genocide – April, 1994
- 11th April 1951 President Harry S Truman has fired General Douglas MacArthur as commander of United Nations and US forces
- General Hospital premiered on ABC-TV, April 1963
- First Easter egg roll at the White House, April 1877
- First Pony Express began its route between St. Joseph, Missouri, [38455] and Sacramento, California, April 1860
- Jesse James, killed by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang, 1882
- Henry "Hank" Aaron tied Babe Ruth's Home Run record of 714, 1974 April 5
- Reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 72, April 1976
- Baseball's Henry "Hank" Aaron hit his 715 home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record, April 1974
- Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 1865
- Jackie Robinson, entered Major League Baseball, April 1947
- President Thomas Jefferson was born, April 1743
- President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth, at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C., April 1865, while watching a performance of *Our American Cousin*.
- First motion picture public showing, April 1894
- Benjamin Franklin died, April 1790
- Ford Motor Company unveiled its Mustang automobile, April 1964
- The nation's first Social Security checks were distributed, April 1937
- George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, April 1789



## April Birthdays and Anniversaries to Celebrate

Larry and Marie Crow's Anniversary April 5,

Bill and Winnie McGill Anniversary April 5

John Taylor Birthday 4-11,

Winnie McGill Birthday 4-14

JoAnn Burton Birthday 4-24,

Roy Worrell Birthday 4-25 and Nancy Worrell Birthday 4-30

Belle Miller's Birthday April 28

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, we do not have your information. Please contact Ethel Nelmes or Brenda Cook with the relevant dates. Thanks

**Congratulations to Chapter Y, Leesburg for being Chapter of the Year. Way to GO!**



Thanks to Debbie Dowell, Chapter D once again has a beautiful banner and table flags. Debbie is a very talented seamstress and we appreciate her hard work on making this banner for us. You are a gem Debbie.

**Welcome to Carol and Joe Abate who are new Gold Wing owners. They attended their first meeting on Wed with us and we hope they will return. They won part of the 50/50. The other winners were Pastor Rick who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Lawanna and Marty Link 1<sup>st</sup> place. We had visitors from Chapters W, U and B. Welcome and come again!**



Tommy Broughton is planning a weekend ride to Lancaster for May 12-15. If you can make this, contact Tommy and he will give you information on the hotel, details.

## Law Lets Bikes Run Red Lights

by Danny Rathbun

RICHMOND – If you ride a motorcycle or bicycle, you probably know the frustration of getting stuck at a red light that just won't change – because the sensors under the street can't detect your two-wheeler. Two-wheel vehicles will be allowed to run those red lights, under certain situations, under a bill signed into law Thursday by Gov. Bob McDonnell.

House Bill 1981 will let motorcyclists, moped riders and bicyclists pass through red lights, as long as there is no oncoming traffic, after waiting 120 seconds or two cycles of the light. The law will take effect July 1. Champe Burnley, president of the Virginia Bicycling Federation, said riders of two-wheel vehicles often end up trapped at red lights, with no safe, legal option about what to do, because motorcycles and bikes aren't heavy enough or

don't have enough metal to trip the sensor. "Most of the traffic signals today have a wire in the road – so it's an induction loop. And frequently there's just not enough metallic mass for the induction loop to pick up a cycle that goes over there," Burnley said. "If you're on a bike and you get to a stoplight – and I stop for stoplights religiously – it puts me into a difficult position. Because if the light doesn't change, I've either got to wait for a car to come up behind me to trip the stoplight, or I've got to break the law – and I don't like to do that." Delegate Thomas "Tag" Greason, who sponsored HB 1981, said the legislation will make things much safer for riders. "The bill is designed to increase the safety for those riders who ride motorcycles, mopeds or bicycles," Greason said. "When they approach and are stranded at an intersection, and the weight of their vehicle is not great enough to trigger the light, and so they're stranded at a red light, and they really don't have any legal options available to them under today's code." Greason, a Republican from Potomac Falls, said some people raised questions about who would be at fault if a motorcycle runs a red light and causes an accident. But those questions have been addressed in the bill, he said.

"Imagine that the red light is a stop sign: If the motorcyclist pulls out into oncoming traffic and causes an accident, he would have the same liability if he was at a red light or if he was at a stop sign," Greason said. Under his measure, motorcycles and bicycles must come to a complete stop at a red light and wait for 120 seconds or two cycles of the light. "Then they proceed with caution, as if they were at a stop sign, and they must maintain all the liability, and give way to oncoming traffic, from either direction," Greason said. "So there is no transfer of liability."



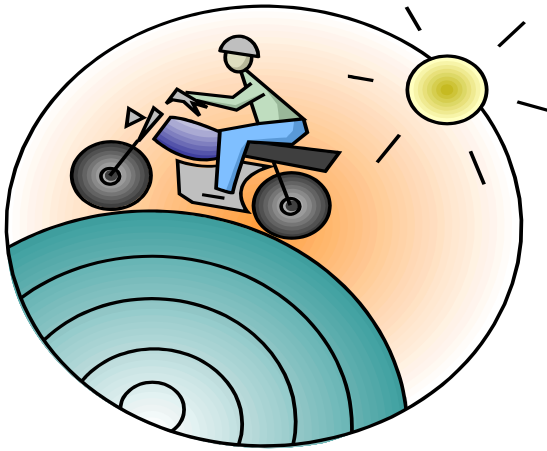
# GWRRA VA Chapter



## D' Best Spring Poker Run

**Saturday, April 30**

(Rain or Shine)



**\$10.00 per person/bike**

**\$5.00 per co-rider**

**GWRRA Chapter Couples Free  
Registration: 9:00 AM – 10:30  
AM**

**at River City Diner and  
event ends at River City Diner  
11430 West Huguenot Road  
Midlothian, VA**

**Cash Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
best Poker Hand**

**Best Hand \$35.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Best Hand \$15.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Best Hand \$10.00**

**Play games to win prizes, take  
a chance with 50/50 and  
much, much, more...**



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# River City Diner

## First Friday Bike Nite

-Open to all Motorcycles and Riders-

Join us the ***FIRST FRIDAY*** of every month for  
**RCD Bike Nite!** Begins May 6!  
Plenty of parking, an outdoor patio, and an  
atmosphere that guarantees a GREAT TIME!  
Not to mention delicious food and drinks!  
Don't miss out on the fellowship and fun!



Other Surprise  
Give-Aways Too!

**Plus!**

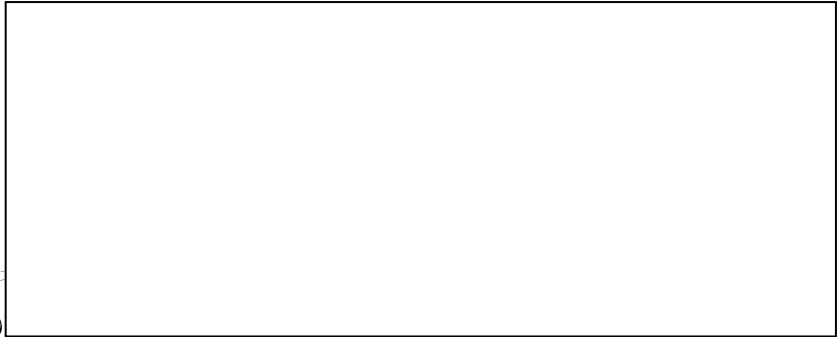
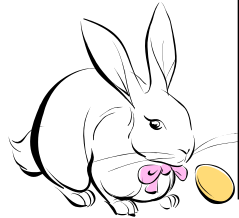
**10% Off for Every Rider**

(excludes alcohol, RCD merchandise, and Gift Cards)

**1 FREE RCD Gift Card Raffle Every Hour 6-9pm**

**FIRST FRIDAY Special Menu Items, too!**

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**Your Next Gathering will be at Candela's on April 27, 2011**



**Quote of the Month:** "If you wait, all that happens is that you get older."  
– Larry McMurty